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## **It's BarktoberFest Time Again!!**

There's going to be some dog-gone good fun at this two-day Halloween festival for area canines and kids of all ages! After the phenomenal success of last year's inaugural event, ***Barktoberfest*** expands to two whole days of carnival fun on **October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>** at the **Buckroe Beach Bark Park** (corner of E. Pembroke Avenue and Second Street). Activities run from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and Noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday** so...if you're ready for a howling good time... load up the dogs and/or the kids and come on out for this truly one-of-a-kind carnival.

We've planned plenty of fun for both our two-legged and four-legged 'children'. There will be carnival games, moonwalks, and raffles on both Saturday and Sunday with other activities for a specific day. Saturday kicks off at 9 a.m. with a **5K Run/Walk on the Boardwalk** for humans and their dog(s) with proceeds going to a fund for the creation of an "Emergency Storm Shelter for People and Their Animals". This will be followed by a special guest appearance at 1:30 p.m. by ***Cyrus the Counting Dog***, soon to appear on David Letterman's Stupid Pet Tricks, a pet psychic, a live auction, and a wide array of canine exhibits and demonstrations. The carnival-like atmosphere continues on Sunday with contests for Best Canine Costume, at 12:30 p.m., Dog and Owner Costume Contest at 1:00 p.m., Dog and Owner Look-Alike at 2:00 p.m., and an 'All Dogs are Wieners... errr... Winners' Beauty Contest at 3:00 p.m. with prizes for longest tail, floppiest ears, most spots, and other fun categories. A special Interfaith Blessing of the Animals will be held at 3:45 p.m. and McGruff the Crime Dog returns as the official mascot!

Sponsored by the *Friends of Hampton's Bark Parks*, Hampton's Parks and Recreation Department and Pet Supplies "Plus" of Hampton, admission is free with the exception of a registration fee for the 5Krun/Walk. Food will be available for purchase parking is free and carnival games are individually priced. For more information on the event or to register for the 5K Run/Walk, call 851-8614 or 727-6784.

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